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RATHENAU IS SHOT TO DEATH IN AUTO: ASSASSINS ESCAPE

German Foreign Minister Victim of Unknown Men. Who Flee in Car.

FURORE IN REICHSTAG FOLLOWING TRAGEDY

Socialist Shouts, "You Are Murderer," to Nationalist Deputy When Wirth Announces Slaying.

Berlin, June 24.—Dr. Walter Rathenau, German minister of foreign affairs, was assassinated today. The minister was shot and instantly killed as he was leaving his residence in Grunewald, a suburb of Berlin, for the foreign office in an automobile.

The murderer, who was driving in a motor car, slowed up as he was nearing Dr. Rathenau and shot twice at the foreign minister, the shots taking immediate fatal effect. Putting on high speed, the assassin escaped. No clue to the identity of the murderer had been discovered up to noon today.

Visited Houghton Last Night.

Dr. Rathenau was a guest at dinner last night of Alanson B. Houghton, the American ambassador. On receiving news of the assassination of the foreign minister this morning the American embassy promptly hoisted its flag to half-mast. Official announcement of Dr. Rathe-

nau's death was made in the reich-

The assassination of Dr. Rathenau The assassination of Dr. Rathenau followed hard upon a vitriolic attack on the foreign minister by Dr. Karl Helfferich in the reichstag yesterday, when the nationalist leader grilled the government generally and Dr. Rathenau in particular concerning the cabinet's reparations policy and its attitude toward the population of the Rhineland and the Saar Valley.

The news of the assassination reached the reichstag at 11 o'clock, just when the commission on taxation had convened. Chancellor Wirth announced the assassination, upon which pandemonium broke out among the various party groups.

Reichstag in To

Two socialists jumped up, shouting to Dr. Heifferich; "You are the assassin!" They threatened to pounce upon him, and Dr. Helfferich hastily left the

In one of the reichstag lounges a heated outbreak of recrimination occurred between deputies belonging to the left and a party of representatives of

When the news was communicated to the reichstag itself at 11:25 o'clock Marshal Wilson on the political situit was received with deep emotion. Then amidst a turmoil the reichstag ad-

There were two persons in the automobile from which the shots that killed Dr. Rathenau were fired. His car was nearing his home and had reduced its speed when the machine containing the assassins was encountered. Both the occupants are said to have opened fire upon the foreign minister, who fell to the floor of his car fatally wounded, expiring shortly afterward. Airge forces of police were quickly on the scene and police were quickly on the scenario firing squad was dispatched in the rection the murderers were believed to

have taken. Drastic Action Planned.

Following the assassination of Foreign Minister Rathenau it was announced this afternoon that the government would immediately decree the establishment of extraordinary courts for the trial of nationalist plotters and would proclaim a state of emergency for Prussia. All regimental reunions or militaristic demonstrations will be prohibited.

Up to 1:30 o'clock this afternoon the police were without a clue to the assassins, of whom nothing had been heard since they succeeded in speeding off after the shots were fired, the motor-cycle patrols which took up

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after its beginning.
Dr. Rathenau was only a short distance from his private residence in the fashionable Grunewald suburb

when he was murdered, and his body was immediately removed to his Ablest Man in Cabinet.

Dr. Rathenau, regarded as probably the ablest man in the Wirth cabinet, with a decisive influence in rannet, with a decisive influence in shaping the government's policy with respect to reparations and other questions, also was the minister most disliked among the nationalists, who objected to his policies and also held his Jewish extraction agging. his Jewish extraction against him.

This latter circumstance especially has made him the target of humiliating attacks in anti-semitic quarters and he recently was referred to in securificus terms in a ribald song summat the reunion of a nationalist

The assassination, which occurred omes close on the heels of recent rumors circulated among the so-cialists that nationalist plotters had refected June 24, which is Mid-Sum-mer day, or the feast of St. John the Baptist, for a "St. Bartolomew feast," in which persons whose names were entered on a special black list were to be given short shrift.

Dr. Walter Rathenau was styled the wizard of the German empire, secause, by his high powers of or ganization and business efficiency, he devised expedients which kept "the people eating and the army shooting" when the blockade had shut off the importation of raw materials during the war. After the war, as

during the war. After the war, as minister of reconstruction, his meetings with the French minister, Louis Loucheur, brought about with businesslike directness adjustments and accommodations which had been the despair of diplomats.

He was of Jewish birth and was described as a man of great force and energy, business acumen, vision and initiative. His father founded the Allegemeine Elaktrizitaets Gescilschatt (German General Electric Company of Berlin), commonly known as the A. E. G. After studying at the Universities of Berlin and Strasbourg. Dr. Rathenau began his prothe Universities of Berlin and Stras-bourg. Dr. Rathenau began his pro-fession of engineer with establish-ments in Switzerland and Savoy. Then he went to the A. E. G. and rose rapidly to the head of the or-ganisation. Later he retired after (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

WM. ROCKEFELLER DIES; ILL ONLY SINCE SUNDAY

Pneumonia Claims John D.'s Brother at Age of 81-Fortune Estimated at \$100,000,000 to \$250,000,000.

rytown, since Sunday, but word of his condition was not made public. Five doctors, under the charge of Mr. Rockefeller's personal physician, Dr. W. J. Robertson, were in attendance when the end came. Practically the entire Rockefeller family were assembled at the deathbed.

Bullt \$250,000 Mausoleum.

Mr. Rockefeller, who contracted heavy cold during the rains of the last week end, had just completed building a \$250,000 mausoleum in the Sleepy Hollow cemetery. The mausoleum was constructed according to his own plans and under his personal direction.

Mr. Rockefeller began to sink rapid-Mr. Rockefeller began to sink rapidly yesterday morning, but rallied about 6 p.m. In the evening came another sinking spell. Physicians and surgeons, fortified with all the resources of science, kept a nightwatch, but it was obviously a losing fight. John D. Rockefeller remained at his home in Pocantico Hills, but was kept constantly informed of his brother's constantly informed of his brother's condition. He reached Rockwood Hall a few minutes after the end came. At the deathbed were Mr. Rockefeller's two daughters and two sons, Mrs. Rockefeller died about two

active in business, although he was active head of the Standard Oil Company of New York from its establishment in 1865 until 1911. Although somewhat overshadowed by his elder brother, John D. Rockefeller, William was one of the richest men in America.

Almost the only time when his ac-tivities claimed much newspaper

TRY TO FIX BLAME

By the Associated Press.

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., June 24.—Will-liam Rockefeller, oil magnate and brother of John D. Rockefeller, died here today from pneumonia, shortly before 7 o'clock.

Mr. Rockefeller had been ill at his home, Rockwood Hall, in North Tarrytown, since Sunday, but word of



WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER.

Warned by his physicians that it might cause his death if the examination was continued. It then was admitted that he was suffering from cancer of the throat.

Fortune 100 to 250 Millions. Although he retained many of his

directorships, Mr. Rockefeller of late years shifted much of his business esponsibility to the shoulders of his on Percy.

None of his Wall street associates have ventured an estimate of his for-tune, but it was generally believed

A. F. L. VOTES DOWN IN WILSON MURDER

Bitterness Marks Hunt for Action Taken After Hard Scapegoat, Leading Toward Head of Police.

effect of the assassination of Field can Federation of Labor was placed effect of the assassination of Field Marshal Wilson on the political situation attracts attention this morning and all the newspapers speculate as to the position of the British government in view of the recent burst of anger in parliament at the withanger in parliament at the with- the convention began its last day's

The intense indignation over the right of way. However, only two murder is mingled with widespread speeches-one for, the other against feeling that it should have been prevented, and consequently a scapegoat is being sought. Home Secretary Shortt, as responsible head of the police, has been singled out particularly as a necessary victim, and his removal is demanded. That he will prevent the political pressure on the government by voluntarily resigning is predicated in some quarters.

Monday's session of the house of commons may see the defection of a large number of the coalition unionists who have hitherto supported the resource of the coality but who

are now more than inclined to attach Excuse for Attitude. These conservative waverers are

government's Irish policy, but who

represented as taking the attitude that they supported the Anglo-Irish treaty because the government as-sured them it would settle the Irish question and peace would follow. Peace has not followed, they say, and the government must take the

general election to weaken the party allegiance so dangerously.

Whether this resentment will crystallize during the week end into a solid opposition menacing the existence of the government or whether a calmer view will prevail by Monday will only be seen when the commons reconvenes. Many political writers declared the cabinet is seriously perturbed at the outlook and that the government whips are anxiously reckoning the strength of the support they may expect should the issue general election to weaken the party they may expect should the come to a head.

Widesprend Plot Report. The report of a widely organized plot of viplence and outrage against English public men persists, but nothing tangible has been unearthed

RUSS RECOGNITION

Fight by Soviet Friends.

By the Associated Press.
CINCINNATI, June 24.—For the

drawal of protection from prominent work with the question of recognition of soviet Russia holding the -were possible under the parlia-

mentary situation. President Samuel Compers and other foes of the soviet, having scored a preliminary victory in forestalling protracted debate, were ready to press forward with their program calling for the federation to go on record as opposed to the soviet. The radical forces, however, pressed their fight in oratory after having spent the night trying to line up delegates for a declaration putting the federation as favoring recognition of Russian question of the Russian question bisposition of the Russian question the way for other business, which had accumulated in such prowhich had accumulated in such pro-

portions that a night session was a In one case at least—that of Secrepossibility. Convention leaders, however, hoped to escape long arguments so that a clean-up might permit sine die adjournment at the end of the land the administration approve the land the administration approve the afternoon session.

The approach of the end of the con-

rne approach of the end of the convention cast its shadow ahead of it. Empty seats here and there indicated that many of the 470 delegates who came here from all parts of the country almost three weeks ago had already departed for home. Their desire to leave manifested itself by the election being moved up to verterday. tion being moved up to yesterday. Under the federation's constitution, the election must be held the last day of the convention, and to run around this requirement, the convention took a recess last night rather than an ad-

HARD-COAL TAX UPHELD.

PHILADELPHIA, June 24.-The Pennsylvania supreme court today declared constitutional the legislative act of 1921 taxing anthracite coal 11/2 (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.) per cent of its value at the mines.

OXFORD GOWNS TOO SMALL FOR TAFT. SPECIAL ONE MADE TO GIVE DEGREE

LONDON, June 24 .- Oxford University has no academic gown large enough to fit the ample proportions of William Howard Taft,

so the former President had a tailor take measurements for a new robe in which next Wednesday he will receive the degree of doctor of laws.

When it was announced that he was to appear at court there was much speculation as to whether he would wear the customary costume, including knee breeches, as worn by Ambassador Harvey and other diplomats, or ordinary evening dress. Mr. Taft solved the problem by appearing in his judi-

cial robes. Mrs. William Howard Taft has had a busier social week in London than she ever faced as mistress of the White House What with three audiences with the king and queen, an endless round of com-plimentary luncheons, teas and dinners, visits to charity fairs and occasional shopping tours, every minute has been occupied The king and queen have shown the Tafts unusual attention and hospitality. At each of the court functions they have taken the American chief justice and his wife aside and chatted with them in-

aside and chatted with them intimately.

"They have been just lovely to us." Mrs. Taft told the correspondent. "The queen talked to me quite sisterly and familiarly and the king exchanged funny stories with Mr. Taft. They gave us a little court all to ourselves. They have, a very high regard for America and Americans, and asked us many questions that showed the interest with which they are following events in the United States."

Mrs. Taft is thoroughly enjoy-

Mrs. Taft is thoroughly enjoying her stay in London, but finds prices much higher than at home, and she is limiting her purchases accordingly. To her friends she has remarked particularly the high prices demanded by the hair-dressers, mentioning as instances a charge, of \$3 for a shampoo and a like amount to have the feathers adjusted in her hair, so she could adjusted in her hair, so she could be presented at court,

PRESIDENT HOLDS NO GAG ON CABINET

Members Free to Express Views, It Is Announced After Weeks Controversy.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

President Harding feels that every member of his cabinet has a right to express himself on any subject with out necessarily committing the administration to his view. This attitude, made known at the White House, is regarded as the administration's answer to the recent utterances of Senator Capper of Kansas, who suggested that Secretary of War Weeks ought to resign because of his speech suggesting modification of the Volstead laws and criticising the direct

The President has noted the speeches in Congress and elsewhere commenting on Secretary Weeks addresses. but has not felt that Mr. Weeks was

Views in Accord.

It so happens that on the question of the ill effects of the direct primary system President Harding is in accord with his Secretary of War. Mr. Harding has openly advocated a return to the convention system of nominations. After modification of the dry laws the President hasn't discussed that phase of prohibition at all except to insist that he favored rigid enforcement of present statutes. Senator Capper of Kansas, has, however, accomplished something by adoption of another policy in Con-

Former President Wilson always sought to have his cabinet ministers confine their utterances to things that would not embarrass the adminis-Under the present regime, Will Hays, who until recently was Postmaster General, used to take his speeches to the White House and read them to Mr. Harding so as to make sure that he was reflecting accurately the administration viewpoint.

Not Willing to Be Censor.

The President doesn't feel that he should act as censor over the utterances of his cabinet officers. If they wish to bring their speeches to him beforehand he will give them the benefit of his counsel, but the Harding idea is that a democratic system of government is best developed by permitting freedom of speech inside as well as outside the official circle. The presumption is that Mr. Har-ding does not mean to be taken literally, but that his idea embraces only the discussion of subjects which are not under consideration officially. It is not deemed probable that the President would sanction, for instance, speeches favoring the bonus stance, speeches favoring the bonus by his Secretary of the Treasury, while he opposed the grant of a bonus. Nor would it be approved if Mr. Hoover were to make speeches favoring the league of nations as he did before entering the cabinet. But most cabinet members will be discreet enough to draw the line between matters pending in cabinet council and those which are general in character, and which may be said to be academic questions so far as immediate action by the government is concerned. Freedom of speech for cabinet officers really means discrecabinet officers really means discre-tion, after all, with a little more tolerance on Mr. Harding's part than has been presidential custom. (Copyright, 1922.)

JOBS FOR VETERANS. Only disabled veterans of the world

war who have completed vocational training under the rehabilitation division of the Veterans' Bureau will be given the advantages of the new employment service organized throughout the country, it was announced today by the bureau. Numerous inquiries had been received, it was stated, from persons believing that the bureau would find positions for the ex-service men.

JESUIT TREASURE CHEST ONLY ROCK ON RIVER BED; MILLER ASSUMES FINDER IS IN DISGRACE By the Associated Press.

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PENETANGUISHENE. Ontario, June 24.—The Jesuit treasure chest at the bottom of the Wye river has turned out to be a nice, big, flat rock about six feet long, and the inventor of the gold-finding needle is in disgrace.

Capt. Bob Carson, whose dredge moved tons of sand to reach the spot where he had been assured the long-iost golden treasure lay, put on his diving suit and descended to locate the chest and hook chains around it.

When he had been under water about three minutes the bubbles from his air tube increased with such rapidity that onlookers above thought he was under excitement because his search was over.

Excitedly he was hoisted to the dredge and when his helmet was unscrewed the crowd waited with bated breath.

"Up anchor and put for home."

bated breath. "Tp anchor, and put for home." barked the captain. "There's your blasted treasure," and he held up a piece of black rock.

Cloture Drawn by Curtis. Lodge Signs.

into operation their plan to curb debate on the long-pending tariff bill. Griffith that they expect the keys to the desk Monday afternoon before 3:30 A petition to invoke the existing cloture rule, operative under a two-

nave been that of Senator

Lodge of Massachusetts, republican leader. Sixteen signatures only are required under the rule to authorize its presentation to the Senate, but it was planned to secure more before aking further action.

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not be made before next week was act, also, Mr. Miller pointed out, is probable. Republican senators behind the fact that companies of the Dis- on long-term leases. It is said that

Cloture Demand Renewed.

So slowly did the consideration of the tariff bill proceed yesterday that new impetus was given to the demand made by many of the republicans that a new majority cloture rule for appropriation and revenue measures be adopted.

Senator Watson, republican, Indiana, was said to have made the suggestion for an attempt to apply the two-thirds rule now in the rule book. He said he was planning within a day or two to begin circulating a petition. It was hoped, however, to obtain in advance pledges of the necessary two-thirds support. Republican leaders said it was possible that the necessary pledges might be obtained, or within a few votes of the required two-thirds.

Lodge Makes Threat.

Senator Lodge said he believed the cloture move would be made. If this effort to get an early vote on the bill should fall, Senator Lodge added, the republican leadership was considering seriously the plan to lay aside the tariff bill and make a fight for the new rule to invoke cloture by majority vote and "fight it out all summer, if necessary."

Committee amendments in only two paragraphs of the bill were disposed of yesterday and the votes on these Lodge Makes Threat. paragraphs of the bill were disposed of yesterday and the votes on these were the first the Senate had had since the consideration of the measure was resumed last Tuesday, following passage of the naval appropriation bill. Rates approved were on chains and spades, scythes, etc. The rates on chains ranged from % cent a pound to 35 per cent ad valorem and represented a material reduction from the duties originally proposed by the committee majority.

EVEREST CLIMB MAY END.

Weather Bad as Expedition Reaches Altitude of 27,300 Feet. LONDON, June 24.-A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Cal cutta reports that it is feared further efforts on the part of Gen Bruce's exploration party to reach the summit of Mount Everest will be

feet.
No further progress is expected adds the dispatch, as all the ex plorers are more or less incapaci-tated, owing to hardships, and it is believed the whole party is return-

unsuccessful, owing to unfavorable weather and the danger of frostbite The report says members of the party have reached an altitude of 27,306

Oath Administered Despite Controversy, and Keys Asked by Monday.

W. Gwynn Gardiner, counsel for Dr. Lewis A. Griffith, dismissed superintendent of insurance, the oath of office was administered to his successor, Burt A. Miller, today, although it had been originally planned to swear him in office Monday morning. Attorney Gardiner had made plans to file in the District Supreme Court Monday morning, shortly before Mr. Miffer was to be inducted into office. Miffer was to be inducted into office. an injunction to restrain the Commissioners from ousting Dr. Griffith. The Commissioners, however, hustled Mr. Miller into Commissioner Rudolph's office this morning, he faced Daniel Garges, secretary to the board

Escorted to Office. After taking the oath of office, Mr Miller was escorted to his office by Secretary Garges. The keys to the desk of his predecessor, Dr. Lewis A. Griffith, had not been turned in, however, and the Commissioners have notified Dr.

the movement said they thought it trict chartered under the new act several reservations already have possible that within a few days the necessary two-thirds vote might be pledged.

Cloture Demand Renewed.

Will be taxed upon their net unuerwriting profits instead of upon their gross premium receipts. This is expected to prove an immense stimulant to the establishment of insur-

Information Needed.

Regarding the details of administration of the office of commissioner of insurance. Mr. Miller intimated that it was his firm belief that the insurance commissioner should insurance commissioner should have at his finger tips every available de-tail of data relative to the type class-ification, operation and financial de-tails of every insurance company do-ing business under the District law. He said that especial attention should be given to policy valuation and statistics on this subject, so that inquiries along this line could be inquiries along this line could be handled with the maximum speed and

efficiency.

The Commissioners today emphasized that Mr. Miller's appointment was in no way due to presidential influence. He was selected practically upon merit, it was stated. It is true, however, that Senator Pomerene, democrat, of Ohio, is ascribed to having been active in bringing the merits of Mr. Miller to the attention of the Assurance that the removal of Dr. Criffith was entirely regular was Griffith was entirely regular was to succeed Mr. Fess, in line with the given by the District officials today.

16 MISSING AT SEA AS RACING SCHOONER IS WRECKED ON ISLE

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, June 24. -The schooner Puritan, out of Gloucester, prospective contender in the international fishermen's races next fall, has been wrecked

on Sable Island. Acrices received here stated that eight men had reached shore, but that sixteen were missing.

RITZ HOTEL HERE TO COST \$9,000,000 CARETAKERS RETURN

Structure to Be Erected at 15th and K Streets to Have 500 Rooms.

Announcement of plans for construction of an imposing ten-story hotel, to be known as the Ritz-Carlton, at the northwest corner of 15th and K streets, estimated to cost between eight and nine million dollars was made today by the Ritz-Carlton Holding Corporation. The hotel will be operated as a unit of the Ritz-Carlton system, headquarters of which are in New York city and Lon-

It is the announced intention of the hotel interests to make their Washington project "the finest hotel in the world." The hotel will comprise 500 rooms, and will be of the most modern fireproof construction throughout.

Washington Men Stockholders. The holding corporation has been

chartered under the laws of Delaware by Washington men in conjunction with Ritz-Carlton representatives. G. Bryan Pitts is president of the corporation, Samuel J. Henry is vice president and C. Elbert Anadale is secretary-treasurer. Composing the board of directors, in addition to Mr. Pitts and Mr. Henry, are William H. West, William Harris of London, head of the Ritz-Carlton sys-Whether there was any intent or tem, and Albert Kellar of New York

Stone and Steel Work. Plans for the structure have been

tect, and Warren & Wetmore of New York city. The latter firm designed other of the Ritz-Carlton hotels. Convention to End.

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drawn by J. H. de Sibour, local archi-

A number of unique features have been planned for the hotel with the idea of making it unsurpassed in hostelry circles. A ballroom, to be the largest in the city, will be surrounded on four sides by a balcony. Griffith that they expect the keys to the desk Monday afternoon before 3:30 The ballroom will be on the first floor. A large crystal dining room, modof Columbia in the insurance line, according to Mr. Miller. In a short informal chat, after being sworn in, he stated that the marine insurance act.

There will be provided a special presidential suite, heralded as the most sumptuous suite of hotel rooms in this country, and a number of diplomatic suites, equipped excluding sively for use by foreign delegations on leave the sum of the suite of the suite of the suite of the sum of the suite of the sui

pected to prove an immense stimulant to the establishment of insurance companies in the District of Columbia.

The public rooms on the main hour and all the guest rooms above will be furnished and decorated to correspond with interior appearance of other noted hotels in the chain. All negotiations in connection with the project are being handled through the offices of the F. H. Smith Company

D. Fess of the republican congressional committee will be presented to a meeting of the committee at Washington next Wednesday night. In issuing a call for the meeting today suing a call for the meeting today

SHERRILL ORDERS POLICE TO ARREST THOSE WHO DROP PAPERS IN PARKS

Newspapers, peanut hulls and other litter must not be thrown about Washington's parks, and left there. Persons persisting in the prac-

tice will be arrested. After trying "various means of moral suasion" to get the public to co-operate in keeping the parks in "a cleanly, sightly and attractive condition," Lieut. Col. C. O. Sherrill, officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, has found that the public has become so lax in obeying orders for disposal of

police.

"Arrests will be avoided, if possible," says the order, "but if persons are given explicit instructions to pick up newspapers and then deliberately fail to do so before leaving the site, they will be arrested.

"In view of the fact," says the

trash in the parks that he has finally issued an order to the park

order. That the parks at community unly being strewn with newspapers used by the public when picnicking, or reclining on the grass, and of the continual failure of the nicking, or reclining on the grass, and of the continual failure of the public to remove this paper when leaving the parks, it will be necessary to rigidly enforce the regulation forbidding the throwing of paper, fruit skins or any such robbish anywhere except in the receptacles provided for that purpose. All members of the park police are hereby instructed to see that when any one does place newspapers on the grass or on benches to provide a dry, clean place to rest upon, that they are advised of the necessity of removing all paper upon leaving, and that they may be arrested for failure to do so."

Col. Sherrill said that on last Sunday the entire western portion of West Potomac Park and the lower half of East Potomac Park were literally covered with scattered newspapers, fragments of newspapers, wrapping paper and other debris from pionickers and

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order, "that the parks are contin-

MILITARY BOARD TO PROBE LAXITY **DURING MINE RIOT**

TWO CENTS.

Sheriff, Prosecutor and Coroner at Herrin Must Explain Inaction.

UNDER UNION GUARD

Threatened. Men Had Abandoned Workings-Trouble Averted by Prompt Measures.

Myers Says Mine Warfare Proves America Not Free The southern Illinois mine

disorders were held up by Senator Myers, democrat, Montana, in the Senate today as "proof" that there is no free America and a justification for the assertion that there can be "no free America so long as American citizens cannot work where, when, for whom and at whatever price they choose without seeking the consent of an invisible government-an organized minority."

organized minority."

The Montana senator read to the Senate news dispatches recounting "atrocities" in details of the disorders in the Herrin district, declaring them to be "more horrible than those committed by the Germans during the war—atrocities which men stood here on this floor and condemned in the most vigorous fashion." He asserted that most of the victims of the massacre were men "guilty only of the crime of exercising their constitutional right of earning an honest day's wage."

tured and killed the majority of strike breakers working in the strip mine. Gen. Foreman and his committee

reached here this morning, motoring from Carbondale after reaching there by train. They were met by Col. Samuel Hunter of the adjutant general's office, who has been here several days ork on the operation will begin the near future, it is stated. Defled plans are now in course of county seat, where conferences with State's Attorney Delous L. Duty and Sheriff Melvin Thaxton were planned A tour of the area of the fight wai made and it was expected that numerous persons believed to know something of the disorders would be called before the board.

Will Investigate Officials.

Gen. Foreman has been instructed particularly to learn why the state's attorney had not taken steps toward convening a special grand jury, and why the coroner's inquest had no been held and why these officials repeatedly refused to authorize Col Hunter to call for troops, even after an indignation meeting of miners

Failure of the local officials to send s.

public rooms on the main floor the night the fighting began and during the following day, when almost unheard-of deeds of cruelty and bru-tality were committed, also was a point to be investigated.

Requests Were Ignored. Another matter to be looked inte

was why numerous requests from the governor for information after the trouble started were ignored by county authorities and why, when he was receiving scores of telegrams from private citizens telling of the outrages, he was continually informed by the authorities that the situation "was well in hand" and that the troops were not needed. There was some of the republican congressional committee will be presented to

Resent Sending of Board.

Comment on the streets expressed resentment over the sending of the military board, although officials said they would gladly co-operate with it Col. Hunter, who, the governor said might have been influenced wrongly by local officials because he is a native of Marion, said that he was certain the board would not aim any investigation at him. "I did my duty and even exceedes

almost continuous reports to my superiors at Springfield. I have re
peatedly stated that the local officials
were lax in their preparations for the
trouble expected and in the investigations of it. I am glad the governot
has taken this step, for it will bear
out my own official reports."
Sheriff Thaxton and Mr. Duty both promised co-operation.

The situation in the county was made considerably more tense for a short time last night when scores of

it at times," he said, "I have given

almost continuous reports to my su-

short time last night when scores of caretakers guarding the mines during the strike through agreement be-tween owners and unions, quit work under threats from groups of miners Shortly afterward Hugh Willis, dis-trict board member of the union, and other officials persuaded them to re-turn after miner guards had been turn after miner guards had beer stationed to protect them. Had the men remained away, millions of dol-(Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

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